

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend paragraph [0014] to read as follows:

Within the scope of this description, the terms of the invention used in this specification have the meaning that is usual in programming languages like C, C++, ~~JAVA~~-JAVA<sup>™</sup>, ABAP, ABAP Objects. The following explanations are made with reference to the FIGS. 1 to 2. The given examples are of explanatory nature only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.

Please amend paragraph [0029] to read as follows:

The invention is of general nature and may use debugging software in any programming language or environment, which supports a statement to define a breakpoint, such as FORTRAN, PASCAL, C, C++, ABAP, ABAP Objects or Visual ~~Basic~~-Basic<sup>™</sup>. A technical advantage of the breakpoints according to the inventive concept is that such breakpoints, when set in the program code, are persistent even if the debugging session is closed.